

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Forest Department- Diversion of 42.5 ha.. of forest land for renewal of Yellandu Mining Lease for underground mining in Khammam District in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) - Permission accorded- Orders issued.

ENVIRONMENT FOREST SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.134

Dated:16.10.2008

Read the following:-

- 1.From Prl.CCF., Hyd. Lr.No. 13757/2003/F1, Dated: 17-5-2004.
- 2.State Govt. Lr.No.3604/For.I (1)/2004-1, Dated: 3-7-2004.
- 3.From GOI,Mo.EF, New Delhi Lr.No.8-54/91-FC (Pt),dated:25-7- 2008.

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad in his letter 1st read above has submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 42.5 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.51 of Yllendu R.F. for renewal of Yellandu Mining Lease for underground mining in Khammam District in faour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited and requested to send the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests for their approval under Section-2 of F (C) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal has been sent to Government of India for their approval under Forest (C) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above. The Government of India in their letter 3rd read above have accorded their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 42.5 ha... of forest land for this project subject to certain conditions.

3. The Government after consideration of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad for diversion of 42.5 ha. of forest land in Compartment No.51 ofYellandu R.F. for renewal of Yellandu Mining Lease for underground mining in Khammam District in faour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited in favour of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL subject to the following conditions:

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
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- (i) Where ever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as within 100 Meteradius from the lease area inside RF, if density is lesser than 0.4 and maintain it till the life of the project, in consultation with the State Forest Department.
- (ii) The user agency shall raise and maintain the Afforestation including enrichment plantation over surface area diverted as in-in-principle approval.
- (iii) Fencing, protection and regeneration of the safety zone area (7.5 metres strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area) shall be done at the project cost. Besides this, afforestation on 1000 meter radius of mining lease granted in degraded forest land if density is less than 0.4/enrichment plantation shall be taken up by the user agency in consultation with the Forest Department.

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- (iv) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect
3. The period of diversion under this approval shall be twenty (20) years subject to possession of valid lease by the User Agency under the MMDR Act, 1957 so that it shall be co-terminus.
 4. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is absolutely necessary and unavoidable.
 5. No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused.
 6. Reclamation Plan shall be strictly implemented which shall be monitored regularly by the State Forest Department/ Regional Office, Bangalore.
 7. It shall be ensured that no labour-camps are set up inside the forest area.
 8. The mining lease area shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, using four feet high RCC Pillars, with each pillar inscribed with the serial number, forward and backward bearings and distance between two adjacent pillars.
 9. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
 10. Any other condition that the CCF (Central), Regional office, Bangalore/ State Govt. may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area, shall also be applicable.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

JANAKI R. KONDAPI,
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,
Hyderabad.
Copy to: The M/s. SCCL., Hyderabad.

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SECTION OFFICER